

THE
RISING
OF **3** THE
SHIELD
HERO

THE
MANGA
COMPANION

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ONE PEACE BOOKS

ONLY 45 DAYS
AND 14 HOURS
UNTIL IT
COMES?!

BEEP 

THE NEXT
WAVE...

45:14:10:09

WHAT
SHOULD WE
DO?

WE HAVE A
WHOLE MONTH
AND A HALF?!

CHAPTER 9 GRATITUDE

...HM...

MY EQUIPMENT
IS JUST FINE
FOR NOW.

LET'S GO
GET YOU
SOME NEW
EQUIPMENT!

IF YOU KEEP
BUYING ME
THINGS,
YOU'LL MAKE
IT HARDER FOR
YOURSELF!

...MR.
NAOFUMI,
YOU SHOULD
BE MORE
CAREFUL
WITH YOUR
MONEY.



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WELCOME.



I MADE
A BUNCH
BECAUSE THE
WAVE WAS
COMING...

I HOPE IT
HAS A LONG
SHELF LIFE

THERE'S A LOT
LEFT OVER,
SO LET'S
JUST SELL
IT BEFORE IT
GOES BAD.



WILL YOU
BUY SOME
MEDICINE
FROM US?

SURE.



AREN'T YOU
THE SHIELD
HERO?



...NOT THAT
IT'S WORTH
VERY MUCH...

CHING CHING



HEY!
WAIT A
SECOND
...

I SHOULD
PROBABLY
WORK ON
BETTER
MEDICINES



...HUH?



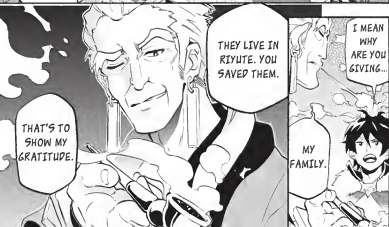
TAKE
THIS.



IT'S AN
INTERMEDIATE
RECIPE BOOK.

THAT'S NOT
WHAT I
MEANT...

WHAT'S
THIS?



THAT'S TO
SHOW MY
GRATITUDE.

THEY LIVE IN
RIYUTE. YOU
SAVED THEM.

I MEAN
WHY
ARE YOU
GIVING...

MY
FAMILY.



THE SHIELD HAS BEEN
TRANSLATING SPEECH FOR
ME, BUT TEXT...

Y...
YEAH.

WELL?

THAT
SHOULD
BE SOME
HELP,
RIGHT?

I
CAN'T
READ
THIS!

THE
MAGIC
SHOP?

THE LADY AT
THE MAGIC
SHOP WAS
ASKING ABOUT
YOU TOO.

WELL NOW! IF
IT ISN'T THE
SHIELD HERO!

WHAT'S
A MAGIC
SHOP?

YOU SAVED MY
GRANDCHILD!



I'D LIKE TO
TEACH YOU
MYSELF,

BUT YOU
WON'T BE
IN TOWN
FOR VERY
LONG, WILL
YOU?

THEY'RE
A LITTLE
HARD TO
READ...

BUT IF YOU
DEVOTE
YOURSELF TO
STUDY, YOU'LL
FIGURE IT
OUT.

MORE
BOOKS
?!


I NEED TO BE
GRATEFUL FOR THEIR
APPRECIATION.

YEAH...


IF IT'S
SIMPLE
ENOUGH...

RAPH-
TALIA,
CAN YOU
READ?

OH,
YEAH...

THANK YOU.




I'VE BEEN AVOIDING IT FOR A WHILE, BUT I GUESS I HAVE TO LEARN TO READ NOW...

IT LOOKS SO HARD THOUGH...



EH, HEH, HEH...

WHAT ARE YOU SO HAPPY ABOUT?



DIDN'T YOU NOTICE, MR. NAOFUMI?!

DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN?



AT THE VERY
LEAST, THE
PEOPLE OF
RIYUTE ARE
GRATEFUL FOR
WHAT YOU DID
FOR THEM.



EVERYTHING
YOU'VE DONE
IS FINALLY
BEING
NOTICED!

!!
HUG



IT MADE ME
HAPPY TO
SEE THEM
HAPPY.



I FELT...
PROUD.

RAPHTALIA WAS
A VICTIM OF THE
WAVES TOO.

RAPHTALIA...



BUT I
HONESTLY
DIDN'T THINK
I DESERVED
ANYONE'S
GRATITUDE.

PROBABLY, IT
WAS BECAUSE
I HADN'T
REALLY "DONE"
ANYTHING FOR
ANYONE IN
PARTICULAR.

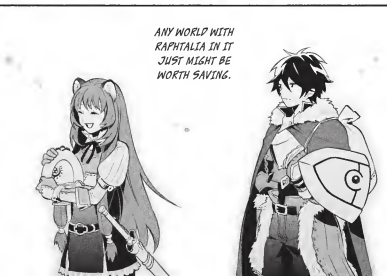
I WAS THE ONE
IN CHARGE
DURING THE
WAVE...

SEEING
RIYUTE IN
TROUBLE
MUST HAVE
REALLY HIT
HOME.

BUT...



RAPHTALIA
LOOKS HAPPY...
AND THAT'S NOT
SO BAD.



ANY WORLD WITH
RAPHTALIA IN IT
JUST MIGHT BE
WORTH SAVING.



WHEN ALL
THIS IS
OVER...

SIGH...



SOMEDAY...

SMILE

SHE MIGHT HAVE
GROWN UP, BUT
SHE'S STILL A
CHILD INSIDE.



I HOPE THE WORLD IS
THE SORT OF PLACE
THAT RAPHTALIA CAN
LIVE IN ON HER OWN.



SHE LOST HER
PARENTS, SO THE
LEAST I CAN DO
IS TRY TO RAISE
HER RIGHT...



YES...



THAT'S WHAT THESE FEEL-
INGS ARE...

CRACK

1/10 #

LOOK!
THE
EGG!

CRACK

WHAT?

HM?

...MI...

MR. NAO-
FUMI!

CRACK!

CRACK

CRACK

THE EGG IS
HATCHING!

CRACK





LET'S
ASK A
VILLAGER.



A LOT
OF MINE
DIED IN
THE LAST
WAVE...

FILOLIAL?



THAT'S A
FILOLIAL.



THEY LIKE
TO PULL
CARRIAGES...

THEY GET
CRANKY
WHEN THEY
DON'T HAVE
SOMETHING
HEAVY TO PULL
AROUND.



LOOK
OVER
THERE.





EVERYONE
HERE IS SO
THANKFUL FOR
ALL YOU'VE
DONE.



NO...
REALLY,
THEY'RE
FREE.

SO YOU
CAN
ASK FOR
WHATEVER
YOU WANT

I DON'T
KNOW THE
MARKET
PRICE.



WE'RE HERE
ON OUR OWN
MATTERS
THOUGH.

UNFORTUNATELY,
WE DON'T HAVE
THE TIME TO
STICK AROUND
AND HELP YOU
REBUILD.



YOU SAID
THAT A LOT
OF FILOIALS
DIED IN THE
ATTACK.

THIS
BUILDING
GOT HIT
TOO, HUH?





THAT'S ALL
WE CAN DO
FOR NOW.



WE NEED TO
LEVEL UP AND
COLLECT GOOD
MATERIALS...

LEARN TO READ,
LEARN RECIPES
AND MAGIC...

THEN MAKE GOOD
MEDICINE TO
SELL TO PEOPLE
WHO NEED IT.
THEN WE'LL MAKE
MONEY.



I THINK IT'S
OUR BEST
SHOT.

...OKAY.

OH!!

PARTY MEMBERS



NAOFUMI IWATANI:
LV 23



RAPHTALIA: LV 27



FILOLIAL: LV 12

WOW!!

LOOK HOW
MUCH WE
LEVELED UP
TODAY.

THAT
MIGHT
HAVE BEEN
IT...

CHEEP

CHEEP

I WONDER IF MY
NEW MONSTER
CONTROL SHIELD
AND MONSTER
GROWTH
ADJUSTMENT
SKILLS HELPED?

WOW, YOU
GAINED 12
LEVELS IN
ONE DAY...

CHEEP

...BUT...

ISN'T IT
GROWING A
LITTLE TOO
QUICKLY?

CHEEP

WHEN I SAW HOW
FAST RAPHTALIA
HAD GROWN, I
COULDN'T BELIEVE
MY EYES...

...

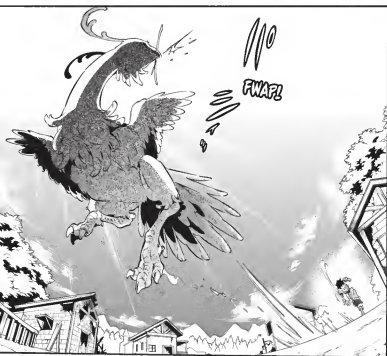


GAH!



CHAPTER 10 HIT AND RUN





MR. NAOFUMI
IS SMILING IN
A WAY HE NEVER
DOES FOR ME.

HM...

WE STUDIED
SO LATE
LAST NIGHT!

GOOD...
MORNING.

YOU'RE UP
EARLY.

RAPHTALIA,
YOU'RE
FINALLY
AWAKE.

GRUMBLE

ISN'T
THAT
RIGHT,
FILO?

HEY, I
EAT LIKE
A NORMAL
PERSON
NOW!

JEEZ... IT'S
BEEN EATING
GRASS ALL
MORNING...

REMINDS
ME OF
SOMEONE
I KNOW...

COULD
IT?!

GRUMBLE

? THINK IT'LL
GET BIGGER
THAN THIS?

FILO?

WELL,
I WAS
THINKING
ABOUT
FILO.

YEAH, IT'S
A PAIN IF
WE DON'T
NAME THE
LITTLE
GUY!



WHAT?



IF IT GETS
BIGGER THAN
THAT, IT'S NOT
A FILOLIAL!



OH...

SHIELD
HERO...

WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
RECON-
STRUCTION?

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?



THE KING
HIMSELF HAS
APPOINTED ME
TO OVERSEE
THE RECON-
STRUCTION
EFFORTS.

SO YOU
SEE...

ACTUALLY...





THE KING
APPOINTED
HIM.



BECAUSE
OF HIS
PERFORMANCE
DURING THE
WAVE...



COULD THE
CRIMINAL HERO
PLEASE CLEAR
THE AREA?

HER!



I'M
SUPPOSED
TO BE THE
GOVERNOR
HERE.

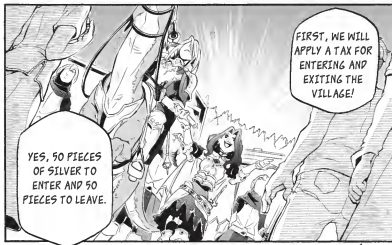
I HAVEN'T
HEARD
ANYTHING
ABOUT A NEW
APPOINTMENT.



HIS PER-
FORMANCE
DURING THE
WAVE?

HE DIDN'T
DO ANYTHING
TO SAVE THE
VILLAGE WHEN
IT WAS UNDER
ATTACK!

WAIT!





YOU
BITCH!

THAT'S
ENOUGH.

FWOOSH

?!

DO YOU
KNOW WHO
WE ARE?

MS.
MYNE...





**WE
CHALLENGE
YOU TO A
DUEL!**

**FOR
CONTROL
OF THE
VILLAGE...**



WHAT?!



**WHAA-
AAAT?**





AND THE
WINNER WILL
BE DECIDED
BY A RACE!

SHAKE
ちんちん...

THE DUEL
WILL BE
BETWEEN OUR
DRAGON AND
YOU... BIRD.



NO
THANKS!

WHY DO I
HAVE TO
PARTICIPATE
IN THIS
CRAP?

SHIELD HERO!
PLEASE WIN,
FOR THE
SAKE OF OUR
VILLAGE!



DON'T
BOTHER!
JUST GIVE
UP! YOU
CAN'T WIN!

I REALLY
WOULD
LIKE TO
USE THIS
VILLAGE AS
A BASE FOR
A WHILE...



A
DRAGON
AND A
BIRD?!

AND THIS
BIRD ISN'T
EVEN ALL
WHITE!



WE PROMISE
TO REWARD
YOU IF YOU
WIN...

...







OH MR.
NAOFUMI...

SIGH...



JUST THAT
WAS WORTH
THE PRICE
WE PAID FOR
THIS GUY!



WHAT? YOU
KNOW IT FELT
GOOD TO SEE
HIM KICKED.



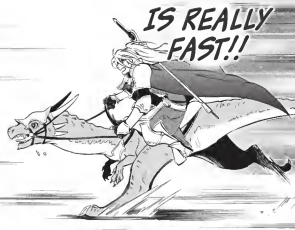
...FILO...

TAKE CARE
OF MR.
NAOFUMI.



THE RACE WILL
CONSIST OF
THREE LAPS
AROUND THE
VILLAGE.





IS REALLY FAST!!



WHISPER...

DAMN!

THAT DAMN BIRD!



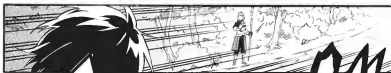
HE'S WINNING!



WOW!

THE HERO'S FILOLIAL IS SO FAST!

MR. NAOFUMI!









THEY USED
MAGIC TO
MESS WITH
FILO!

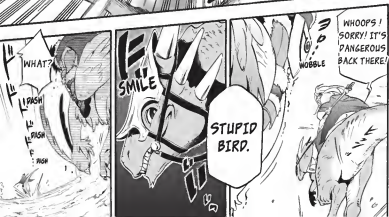
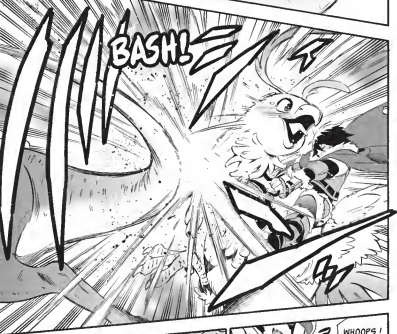
THE PEOPLE
IN THIS
COUNTRY
ARE THE
WORST!!

WHISPER...

WHISPER
V















WEEEEEE

THIS
SHOULD
END IT...



SHIELD
HERO!

BA-BOOM!



GAH...



WHA?

FWUMP



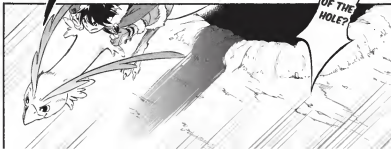
A



JUMP



IT
JUMPED
OUT
OF THE
HOLE?









IF YOU PAY ME
OUT OF YOUR
RECONSTRUCTION
FUNDS, NONE
OF THIS MEANS
ANYTHING.

I DON'T
NEED
YOUR
MONEY.

I HAVEN'T
DONE ANYTHING
AND PEOPLE
ALREADY
GOSSIP.

MR.
NAOFU-
MI!

IF THEY
HEARD I'D
TAKEN MONEY
FROM THE
VILLAGE....

SO PLEASE
MAKE IT
SOMETHING
ELSE.

...

ME?

A
MERCHANT?

WELL THEN,
HOW ABOUT
THIS?



I HEARD THAT
YOU WERE
RAISING MONEY
BY SELLING
MEDICINES AND
MATERIALS.

THE LIFE
OF A
TRAVELING
MERCHANT
MIGHT...



I HAVE
A CERTIFICATE
THAT WILL ALLOW
YOU TO TRAVEL
ALL OVER THE
COUNTRY AND SELL
YOUR WARES.

SURE.



PERHAPS
THIS WOULD
HELP?

YOU HAVE
A BIT OF A
REPUTATION
TO CONTEND
WITH.



WE WILL MAKE
YOU A CARRIAGE.
IT WILL TAKE A
LITTLE TIME, BUT
WHAT DO YOU
SAY?

I GET
IT...

GAH
?!



AND YOU
HAVE THIS
WONDERFUL
FILOLIAL TO
HELP YOU.

YOU COULD
MOVE VERY
QUICKLY.

I UNDERSTAND.
I ACCEPT.

HE'S SAYING THAT
INSTEAD OF TRYING
TO GET MERCHANTS
TO BUY MY WARES,
I SHOULD BE THE
MERCHANT MYSELF.

BUT IN THE
END, THE BIRD
HELPED US
COVER A LOT OF
GROUND.

IT WAS ALL A
LITTLE BUMPY
AT FIRST.

AND WE
SHOULDN'T
DEPEND ON THE
SHIELD FOR
EVERYTHING.

YEAH,
YEAH.

IT SURE WOULD
BE GREAT IF
WE COULD READ
THIS BOOK.
CAN'T THE
SHIELD HELP?

THE BIRD
PROVED TO
BE A GREAT
INVESTMENT.

I DON'T
THINK SO.
I TRIED.



!! ≠ CREAK
...





SLAVE
TRADER!

SLAM



WHAT?!
WHAT IS
THIS?!



HERO?
WHAT
CAN I...



THAT WAS
JUST A
SIMPLE...
FILOLIAL...



STARE

TELL
ME THE
TRUTH.

WHAT KIND
OF EGG DID
YOU SELL US?









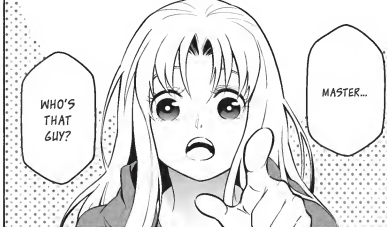




CHAPTER II FILO

HEY
OLD
GUY
!!!













**THAT
HURT!**

**WAAH-
HH!
WAAAH-
HH!**



**HA!
SURE I
AM.**

**KID,
YOU'RE
STILL A
MONSTER.**

**THAT
GIRL IS A
MONSTER.**



**WAH-
HH!**

**MR.
NAOFU-
MI...**

**I SET IT
SO THAT
SHE CAN'T
DISOBEY HER
MASTER.**



BOOO!

**SORRY,
SORRY...
RELAX.**

**AND SHE CAN
APPARENTLY
TRANSFORM?!**

**SHE WENT
CRAZY AT THE
SLAVE TRADER'S
TENT. AND
NORMAL MONSTER
CONTROL SEALS
DIDN'T WORK SO
I HAD TO USE A
MORE POWERFUL
ONE...**



WHAT?!

**BECAUSE
MASTER ONLY
LIKES ME WHEN
I'M IN HUMAN
FORM!**







WELL I CAN'T
JUST DRAG A
NAKED LITTLE
MONSTER GIRL
AROUND TOWN,
CAN I?

THIS ISN'T
A CLOTHES
SHOP, KID.



はあ
SIGH

HEH...



I'LL
INTRODUCE
YOU.

I DON'T,
BUT I
HAVE AN
IDEA.

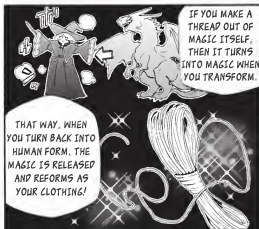
YOU
HAVE
SOME
THEN?!

GUESS
I CAN'T
TURN AWAY
A LOYAL
CUSTOMER...



IF THIS GIRL
IS TRANS-
FORMING,
SHE'LL KNOW
WHAT TO DO.

I'LL TAKE
YOU THERE
IN THE
MORNING.



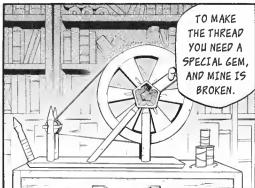


BUT...



I NEVER USE IT,
SO I JUST LET
IT SIT THERE.
THEY'RE VERY
EXPENSIVE TO
PURCHASE...

ISN'T
THERE
SOMETHING
WE CAN DO?



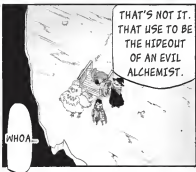
TO MAKE
THE THREAD
YOU NEED A
SPECIAL GEM,
AND MINE IS
BROKEN.



...THERE IS. IT'S
PROBABLY NOT
SO HARD FOR
A HERO, LIKE
YOURSELF.



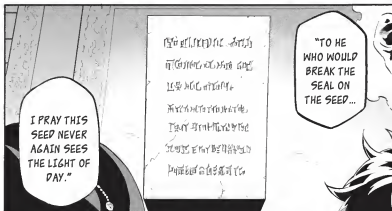
IF THIS GIRL
IS A FILOLIAL,
THEN IT
SHOULDN'T TAKE
SO LONG TO GET
THERE EITHER...







IT'S VERY ORNATE...









MASTER
WOULD TASTE?

I WONDER
HOW...











WHAT
?!

BESIDES,
I COULDN'T
CARE LESS
WHAT FILO
HAS TO SAY
ABOUT ME.



I JUST
REMEMBERED
SEEING
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT IN A
GAME ONCE...

YOU REALLY
HELP IT
TOGETHER.

EVEN IF YOU
KNEW ABOUT
IT, IT'S HARD
TO THINK THAT
YOUR FRIENDS
WOULD BETRAY
YOU...



HUH?
WHAT DOES
RAPHTALIA
HAVE TO DO
WITH ANY
OF THIS?



WHAT
ABOUT
WHAT
RAPHTALIA
SAYS?



BOO!



HEY,
WHAT
ARE WE
DOING?

SHUT UP!
I'LL TELL
YOU WHEN
I KNOW.





WITHOUT THE
DEMI-HUMAN
GIRL WITH US,
WE SHOULD
AVOID A FIGHT

IS IT
STRONG?



RUFFLE

IT'S A
NUE!

IT'S STILL
SMALL, BUT
WHAT IS A
MONSTER FROM
THE EAST
DOING HERE?



RIGHT, THEN
BEFORE IT
NOTICES US,
WE'D BETTER....



SLAM



FILO?!

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP



IT'S
REAL!

THIS
PAIN...

GRRR

!

BASH

SLAM

MASTER!









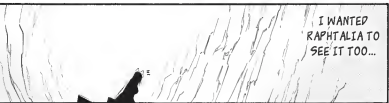


SLAM

HAAAAAAH

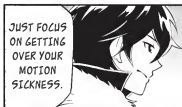
WHAM
WHAM







APPARENTLY I CAN USE RESTORATIVE MAGIC TOO...



YOU
FINISHED
IT?

OH...

MASTER...

**TA-
DA!**

**WHAT
DO YOU
THINK?**

YEAH,
I KNOW
A GOOD
TAILOR.

YOU LOOK
JUST LIKE
AN ANGEL.
NICE
DESIGN!

REALLY?

LOOKS
GOOD!

SURE, STILL,
FOR SPINNING
THE THREAD AND
THE TAILOR'S
WORK, IT'LL BE
40 PIECES OF
SILVER.

SPIN
~~~~~  
~~~~~

THANKS FOR
HANDLING
THAT FOR US.

I THINK
YOU COULD
PHRASE
THAT
BETTER.

ADD THAT TO THE
PRICE OF THE EGG
AND THE SPECIAL
MONSTER SEAL,
AND WE'RE AT 340
PIECES OF SILVER—
RAPHTALIA WAS
CHEAPER.

OH YEAH, I'D
FORGOTTEN.

DON'T
FORGET MY
DINNER!

MUCH BETTER
THAN I'D
EXPECTED!

THANKS FOR
EATING WITH US.
MR. NAOFUMI CAN
COOK, RIGHT?





I,
UM...

NO. WHY?
WHAT'S
ALL
THIS?



I WAS JUST
WONDERING
WHAT YOU
THOUGHT OF
ME...

HUH?



MR. NAOFUMI,
DO YOU HAVE
SOMEONE YOU
LIKE BACK
IN YOUR OWN
WORLD?!



ANYTHING
ELSE?



I FEEL LIKE
I ASK A LOT
OF YOU AS A
SLAVE.



I WANT TO DO
WHAT YOUR
PARENTS
COULDN'T. I
WANT TO RAISE
YOU RIGHT.



I FOUND
THE TIME
TO ADMIRE
BEAUTY...



I CAN TASTE
THINGS
AGAIN.



YOU'RE
IMPORTANT
TO ME.

BOTH OF THOSE
ARE BECAUSE
RAPHTALIA
BELIEVES IN
ME.



LIKE A
DAUGHTER...



IT'S
NOT
WEIRD.
YOU'RE THE
WEIRD ONE,
ASKING
ALL THESE
QUESTIONS...

WHAT'S THAT
SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?!
ISN'T THAT
WEIRD?!



RAPHTALIA
IS HOGGING
MASTER ALL TO
HERSELF!

NO
FAIR!!



I'M
SLEEPING
WITH
MASTER
TONIGHT!

HUG

GRAB

I... I AM
NOT!



BUT I'M
LONELY!

SQUEEZE

HUG

BUT FILO, YOU
WERE JUST
SLEEPING BY
YOURSELF!

CHAPTER II END

...IT'S
SO
HOT!



WE
NEVER
SHOULD
HAVE
COME
HERE!



DAMMIT!



MR. NAFUUMI,
IF YOU KEEP
SCREAMING
THE MONSTERS
WILL...



GRIND

HOW CAN I
KEEP MY COOL
WHEN FACED
WITH THIS?

CHAPTER 12 THE SHIELD OF RAGE

**ALL
THIS...**

**ALL OF
THIS IS
MOTOYASU'S
FAULT!**

THE SEED
GREW VERY
QUICKLY INTO
A TREE THAT
PRODUCED
MUCH FRUIT.



BEFORE
THE
VILLAGERS
NOTICED...

ONCE, THERE WAS
A VILLAGE THAT
WAS SUFFERING IN
FAMINE.



BUT THEN
THE SHIELD
HERO
CAME AND
GAVE THE
VILLAGERS
A MIRACLE
SEED.



THE SEED
WAS SO
POWERFUL
IT STOPPED
THE FAMINE.

BUT MASTER,
THIS FRUIT IS
YUMMY!

ENJOYING
YOURSELF,
FILO?!



ARE
YOU AN
IDIOT?!

THAT THING
IS GROWING
MONSTERS!











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COUNCIL

WE CAN
TAKE IT.







GOING TO
BE OKAY.

RUSTLE



YAY!
SOUNDS
GREAT!

FILO, YOU'RE
GOING TO BE
EATING THOSE
RED FRUITS
FOR A WHILE.

THE SHIELD HERO SHOULD TRY TO STAY OUT OF SIGHT. THERE'S NO REASON TO HANG AROUND A PLACE LIKE THIS.

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I SWEAR... I'M SUPPOSED TO PROTECT YOU, SO DON'T GO RUSHING FORWARD LIKE THAT...

COUGH
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コホ...

YOU'RE COUGHING PRETTY BADLY.

BETTER TAKE AN ANTIDOTE AND GET TO BED.

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I'LL SLEEP
WHEN I FINISH
MAKING THESE
MEDICINES.

MASTER,
AREN'T YOU
GOING TO
SLEEP?

HM?

SLUMP
ス
ズ

WUNZ

WHY?
IT WAS
JUST
LUCK.

TELL
ME!

HEY MASTER?
WHY DID YOU
PICK ME?

SO
SOMEONE
ELSE WOULD
HAVE BEEN
FINE...?

OH...



I SHOULD
SAY...



I BOUGHT
AN EGG...

AND YOU
WERE THE
ONE THAT
CAME OUT
OF IT.



IF I HURT
MY LEG AND
COULDN'T
MOVE, WOULD
YOU REPLACE
ME?

YOU'D BE
HARD TO
REPLACE...



IF IT HADN'T BEEN
A FILOLIAL EGG,
WE PROBABLY
WOULDN'T BE
TRAVELING LIKE
THIS.



IF YOU STOP
BEING SELFISH
AND DO WHAT I
SAY, YOU CAN
STICK AROUND.



I HAVE
BIG HOPES
FOR YOU.



CHOOSE?

I KNOW HOW IT
FEELS, BECAUSE THE
SHIELD CHOSE ME...



SNORE



OKAY!



BUT THERE'S
NOTHING I CAN
DO TO AVOID
THAT NOW!

BUT RAPHTALIA
AND FILO ARE
JUST CHILDREN...
THEY SHOULDN'T
HAVE TO FIGHT...



THE LEAST
I CAN DO IS
PROTECT THEM...

CRACKLE

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WHAT AN
HONOR!

RATTLE

RATTLE





IS THAT BOOK
FILLED WITH
SPECIAL, SECRET
RECIPES?!



HEY MASTER,
GOOD THING HE
DIDN'T NOTICE
THAT THE BOOK
IS REALLY A
SHIELD...

...SURE.

CHEEP
ラ
CHEEP



I'VE NEVER
SEEN A
TALKING
MONSTER
BEFORE!

YOU
MUST
BE THE
BIRD
GOD!!

EH, HEH,
HEH.
MASTER,
HE'S
FLATTERING
ME!

FILO!!

WHOOOPS

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ラララ

WOW!!





A DRAGON
CORPSE IS THE
CAUSE OF THE
SICKNESS?

YES.



THE SWORD HERO
SLEW A DRAGON
ON THE MOUNTAIN, BUT
THE BODY REMAINS.
SOME ADVENTURERS
WENT UP THERE TO
LOOK FOR MATERIALS,
AND THEY WERE THE
FIRST VICTIMS.



THEY SAY IT'S
DANGEROUS TO
EVEN CROSS
THROUGH THE
MOUNTAINS.

THE DISEASE
HAS SPREAD,
AND IS
DESTROYING THE
ECOSYSTEM.

THE ADVENTURERS
THAT WENT UP
THERE SAID THERE
WEREN'T ANY GOOD
MATERIALS LEFT.

THE BONES
AND FLESH
MUST BE
ROTTING...

HE'S JUST A HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENT.
HE PROBABLY
DIDN'T REALIZE
THAT THE CORPSE
WOULD CAUSE
PROBLEMS IF HE
LEFT IT....

DAMMIT REN...
YOU NEED TO
FINISH WHAT
YOU START.

YOUR
MEDICINE
HAS REALLY
HELPED.

SAINT...

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FLIP

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HUFF

はぁ
HUFF

THIS IS THE
BEST I CAN
DO WITH
MY NORMAL
POTIONS...

HER FACE
DOES HAVE
MORE
COLOR...

HOW
ARE THE
PATIENTS?



THE PLANT MONSTERS
THING WAS THE SAME
PROBLEM!

WHY DO I NEED TO CLEAN UP
THE OTHER HEROES' MESSSES?

ALL OF
THEM...

FILO!
RAPHTA-
LIA!

THANK
GOD.

FINALLY!

YES.

OKAY!
WE'LL GET
THE MONEY
TOGETHER!

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...IF YOU
WANT ME
TO STAY,
YOU'LL HAVE
TO PAY.

AND I DON'T
WANT TO
HEAR ANY
COMPLAINTS IF
I CAN'T SOLVE
IT.

WE'LL TAKE THE
CARRIAGE UP
NEARBY, FINISH
THE JOB AND
COME BACK.

DON'T WASTE
TIME WITH
OTHER
MONSTERS.

OUR
MISSION
IS TO
DISPOSE OF
THE DRAGON
CORPSE.



CHIMERA VIPER SHIELD

SKILL "CHANGE SHIELD"
POISON CRAFTING UP, POISON
RESISTANCE (MEDIUM)
SPECIAL EFFECT:
SNAKE FANG (MEDIUM), HOOK



THE... THE
SHIELD
HERO
CRIMINAL?

A
SHIELD?!
COULD IT
BE...



YOU WON'T
BELIEVE
WHAT I SAY
ANYWAY.

SURE,
WHATEVER.

DID YOU
TRICK US TO
STEAL OUR
MONEY?!



CLANG!

THE REAL
HEROES...

ARE TOO BUSY
WITH THEIR
CHARITABLE
QUESTING
TO COME AND
HELP YOU!

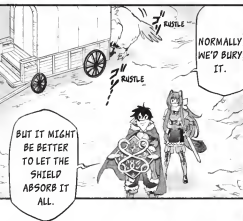
IRONIC,
ISN'T IT?



IT SMELLS
WORSE
THAN I
EXPECTED...



THERE
IT IS!







FLASH

ROAR

WHAT?
?!



**THE
DRAGON**

...

**...IS A
ZOMBIE
?!**

**GYA
OO
OO
OO
OO
!!**



SPLAT

MR. NAOFUMI!
IT DIDN'T
HAVE CLAWS
OR FANGS...

BUT THEY
ARE GROW-
ING BACK!

CREEK

CREEK

THIS
ISN'T
GOOD.



RUN! WE
CAN'T
TAKE IT!

A DRAGON
ZOMBIE?! IF THIS
WERE A GAME,
THE ZOMBIE FORM
WOULD BE EVER
STRONGER THAN
THE ORIGINAL!

DASH

GYA O O O !!



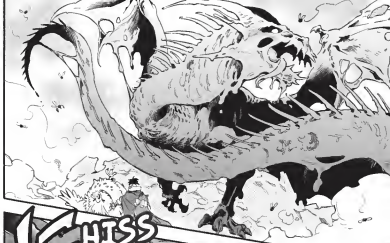
SLAM



FWIP

FILO !!!





FILO
?!

DASH

KY

URG...

I
HATE
YOU!

YEAH, THAT'S
WHAT THEY
SAID ABOUT
THE RACE.

I HEARD THAT
FILOLIALS
AND DRAGONS
ARE NATURAL
ENEMIES.

COME
BACK!

DASH

STOP!
FILO!

WHY
DON'T
YOU
DO AS I
SAY?!

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CRACKLE

!

PAPAPA

DAMMIT!

FI...

Y
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CRUNCH

**BLOP
DRIP**

?

GULP

GULP



FILLOOOO!!!



GULP



WHY IS THIS
HAPPENING?

...AND
I'D JUST
SWORN TO
PROTECT
HER.

BECAUSE I
YELLED FOR
HER TO STOP?
BECAUSE THE
VILLAGERS
ASKED US TO
COME UP HERE?

OR BECAUSE
REN JUST LEFT
THE CORPSE TO
ROT...?



THAT LITTLE
BIRD...
SHE ONLY
HATCHED A
MONTH AGO...



SHE
ALWAYS
WANTED TO
BE WITH
ME.

*NONE OF THIS
WOULD HAVE
HAPPENED IF
I WEREN'T THE
SHIELD HERO!*

DUDUM

DO YOU
WANT
POWER?



WE HAVE
TO GET
AWAY!

GET IT
TOGETHER!

THUMP

THUMP

MR.
NAO-
FUMI
!!

MR.
NAO-
FUMI
!!

THUMP

THUMP

DO YOU
HATE IT?

THIS WORLD...
ALL OF IT...



GRIND



THIS
WHOLE
WORLD...



HATE.

REACH FOR
IT...

#VWEEEN

THEN...

THUMP

TAKE
IT...

THE
CURSED
POWER

...

CURSE
SERIES
SHIELD OF
RAGE



**SELF
CURSE
BURNING!**

FWOOSH

GYA O O O

**YES...
BURN!**

FWOOSH

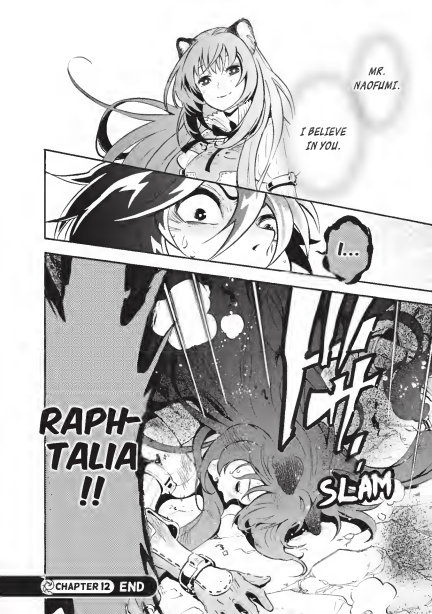


THESE
FLAMES...

IS MY
HATRED
OF THE
WORLD...

NO...

NO...



MR.
NAOFUMI.

I BELIEVE
IN YOU.

I...

**RAPH-
TALIA
!!**

SLAM







YOU'VE
INSPIRED
ME!!

THE
STRENGTH
OF YOUR
RESOLVE!

YOU GOT
EVERYTHING
OUT OF THEM
THAT YOU
COULD HAVE!



EXCELLENT!

WHAT?



GIVEN YOU
ALL OF THEIR
VALUABLES
TO PURCHASE
THEIR OWN
LIVES!

THEY HAVE
JUST...



THESE STRANGE
PEOPLE SURE DO
SEEM TO LIKE
MR. NAOFUMI.

I'LL TEACH
YOU HOW TO
MAKE MAGICAL
ACCESSORIES,
AND I'LL
SHARE MY
DISTRIBUTION
ROUTES WITH
YOU!

OH, WELL...
YOU DON'T
NEED TO...

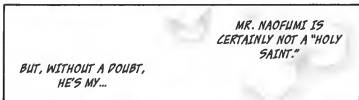


OH,
YES, OF
COURSE!

YOU KNOW IT'S
YOUR FAULT
THEY ATTACKED
US? I'LL MAKE
SURE THAT YOU
PAY UP, TOO!



**BUT IT MAKES ME
HAPPY TO SEE HIM
LIKE THIS.**

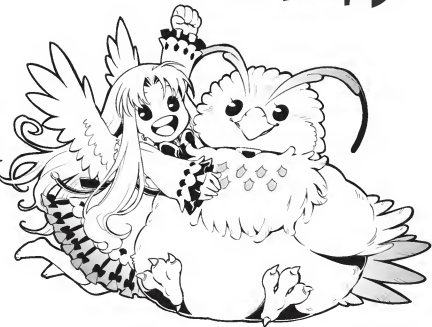


**MR. NAOFUMI IS
CERTAINLY NOT A "HOLY
SAINT."**

**BUT, WITHOUT A DOUBT,
HE'S MY...**



AFTERWORD



I CAN'T BELIEVE THE THIRD VOLUME IS ALREADY OVER!
FILO HAS BEEN SO MUCH FUN TO DRAW, AND FOR SOME REASON
THE ASSISTANTS REALLY LOVE FILO WHEN SHE IS BIG, FAT,
AND ASLEEP.

I'M GOING TO KEEP WORKING ON DRAWING RAPHTALIA THE
BEST I CAN. SHE'S SO CUTE!
SEE YOU NEXT VOLUME!



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